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Lyle W. Asell, Interim Director
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Henry A. Wallace Building
502 East 9th Street
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Dear Mr. Asell:

Re: Approval of six TMDLs submitted by Iowa

This letter responds to the submission from Iowa dated July 27, 2001, of six Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), which were identified on the 1998 Iowa §303(d) list. Those TMDLs are the following: Binder Lake, Siltation; West Lake Corning, Siltation; Orient Lake, siltation; Fairfield Municipal Reservoir 2, Siltation; Slip Bluff Lake, Siltation and, Cedar Lake, Chlordane.

EPA has completed its review of the six TMDLs with supporting documentation and information. By this letter EPA approves the submitted six TMDLs. Enclosed with this letter are Region 7 TMDL Review Forms which summarize the rationale for EPA's approval of each of these six TMDLs. The EPA believes the separate elements of the TMDLs described in the enclosed forms adequately address the pollutants of concern, taking into consideration seasonal variation and a margin of safety.

EPA is currently in consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding these TMDLs. While EPA is approving these TMDLs at the present time, EPA may decide that changes to the TMDLs are warranted based upon the results of the consultation when it is completed.

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EPA appreciates the thoughtful effort that Iowa has put into these TMDLs. EPA will continue to cooperate with and assist, as appropriate, in future efforts by Iowa to develop the remaining TMDLs.

Sincerely,

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for U. Gale Hutton
Director
Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division

Enclosures

cc: William Ehm, IA Dept of Natural Resources, Des Moines, IA